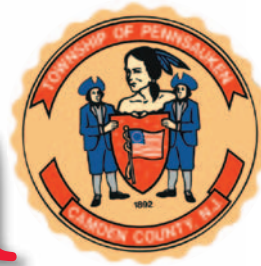


# All Around Pennsauken



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## Veterans Honored In Pennsauken



Camden County's annual Veterans Day Ceremony, held on Nov. 11 at Cooper River Park, is just one of several events this month that honor those that served in the armed forces.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In recognition of Veterans Day, several events in Pennsauken this month honor those in our community that served our country in the armed forces.

### Veterans Day Service And Luncheon At VFW Post

Members of VFW Post 1270 and AMVETS Post 101 will be holding a Veterans Day service and luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m., at the VFW Post located at 2324 Penn St. in Pennsauken. Mayor Jack Killion will be on hand to present special proclamations to the veterans, as well as the ladies auxiliary of both organizations. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

### County Veterans Day Ceremony On November 11

The Camden County Board of Freeholders, in conjunction with the Camden

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## Holidays, Season Of Giving Begin This Month In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

After the Pennsauken community gives thanks on Nov. 22, the Township kicks off the holidays and the season of giving with a variety of annual traditions. From parades old and new to angel trees, there's something happening in Pennsauken that's sure to get you into the holiday spirit.

### Pennsauken Celebrates The Holidays With Annual Parade

Pennsauken's 38th annual Holiday Parade marches down Westfield Ave. at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24. This perennial favorite for children of all ages features fire engines, holiday-themed floats, musical entertainment, and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Pennsauken Holiday Parade starts at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Facility on Bethel Ave. and ends at



The arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus during Pennsauken's annual Holiday Parade, held this year on Saturday, Nov. 24, helps to officially kick off this special time of year.

44th St. Pennsauken families are invited to bundle up, set up along the parade route, and help little ones to scoop up a variety

of candied favorites.

"Pennsauken's Holiday Parade is a won-

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## John Nettleton Acting Chief Of Police In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



John Nettleton, a longtime officer with the Pennsauken Police, is the town's Acting Chief of Police.

John Nettleton, a 22-year member of the Pennsauken Township Police Department, has been promoted to Acting Chief of Police.

"Township Committee is extremely excited to have John Nettleton as the 'top cop' in Pennsauken," says Mayor Jack Killion. "Acting Chief of Police Nettleton brings a fresh, new perspective to the job and will undoubtedly provide a high level of community policing to our town."

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to lead my fellow officers as we serve the members of the Pennsauken community," adds Nettleton. "I look forward to working with our elected officials, community leaders, and residents to make Pennsauken

even safer."

Acting Chief John Nettleton has been a member of the Pennsauken Police Department since July 1, 1996. He started his career in the patrol division, was a member of the bike patrol, and advanced through the ranks, becoming a sergeant in 2003 and serving in the traffic and detective divisions.

In 2009, Nettleton was promoted to lieutenant, during which time he received the Richard Dawson Award for Meritorious Service, which annually honors officers that demonstrate exemplary performance of duty.

In 2016, he received the Chief's Award for Leadership for his work with Team

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

### Fall Fair

Grace Episcopal Church, 7 E. Maple Ave., Merchantville, is holding a fall fair on Saturday, Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featuring large basket raffle, vendors, baked goods, deli table, Santa's secret shop with balloon twisting and face painting, train display, and more. Come have lunch and win a basket! For more information, contact Norma Bush at (856) 630-0724.

### Pasta Dinner

Mary, Queen of all Saints Parish is holding its annual pasta night on Saturday, Nov. 3, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Saints Cecilia's Parish Hall, 49th St. and Camden Ave. Dinner consists of meatballs, sausage, pasta, beverage, salad, dessert and a complimentary glass of wine. There will also be entertainment. Tickets are \$13.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12; children under 5 are free. BYOB and takeout are available. For tickets or further information, call (856) 662-2721.

### Active Shooter Preparedness Program

The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library are sponsoring an active shooter preparedness program on Monday, Nov. 5, 7:00 p.m., at the Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Offered by the F.B.I., this free program is designed to help par-

ticipants make the mental and physical preparations to deal with an active shooter situation. Registration is required and can be done so by calling (856) 665-5959 x3.

### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post has an Auxiliary Unit which also meets at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

### Shrimp Fry

AMVETS Post 101, 519 June Rd., Delair, is hosting a shrimp fry on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Shrimp, fries, and cole slaw are just \$6; add a taste of mushrooms for \$1 or a basket of mushrooms for \$3. Attendees are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for children in need (ages 10 and under). Eat in or take out is available. Orders can be placed in advance during the event by calling (856) 663-8950. Walk-ins also welcome.

### Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn

how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

### PHS Class Of '98 Reunion

Pennsauken High School's Class of '98 is celebrating their 20 year reunion on Saturday, Nov. 17, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Vera Bar and Grill, 2310 Marlton Pike W, Cherry Hill, N.J. The cost is \$65 per person and includes food, open bar, and dancing. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.com; the deadline for tickets is Nov. 10. For questions, e-mail prestk@hotmail.com.

### Basket Raffle

Athene Chapter #201 O.E.S. of New Jersey is hosting a basket raffle on Saturday, Nov. 17, 1:00 p.m., at the Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Donations are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. A sheet of tickets, including door prize entry and dessert buffet included with donation. For more information, call Eva at (856) 662-2118.

### PHS Class Of '88 Reunion

Pennsauken High School's Class of '88 is holding their 30th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 24, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., at Adelphia's Grand Ballroom II, 1750 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford, N.J. Tickets are \$80 and include four hours of open bar, hors d'oeuvres, sweets, DJ and dancing, photo booth, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are on sale until Nov. 10 and will not be sold at the door. Class t-shirts will be available for pur-

chase, with proceeds going to the Class of '88 scholarship/sunshine fund. For class members traveling, a block of rooms are available at the Fairfield Inn in Deptford. For tickets, shirt orders, hotel info, and more, visit phs88r union03.blogspot.com.

## Pennsauken Township Seeks RFQs

The Township of Pennsauken solicits statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to various professional positions. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday, November 30, 2018.

### Zoning And Planning Board Professional Services Contracts

The Zoning Board of Pennsauken and Planning Board of Pennsauken are soliciting statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to various professional positions. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the Board, unless otherwise re-

### Half Century Jets

This senior group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia's School Hall, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. This month's meeting will be on Nov. 27. For more information, call (856) 662-2721.

quired by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Planning and Zoning Officer, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than 12:00 p.m. Friday, November 30, 2018.

### Rent Stabilization Board Seeks Solicitor

The Township of Pennsauken solicits statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to the Rent Stabilization Board as its solicitor. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday, November 30, 2018.

For more information on all of these professional services contract requests, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us)

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## PASA Holds Special Parents Only Event



The Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse is hosting "What to Look For," a special parents-only event on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken High School Auditorium, 800 Hylton Rd.

Prevention specialists, local law enforcement, and community leaders will guide participants through a typical teenager bedroom to help discover signs of substance abuse.

Resources will be provided for parents to raise awareness and educate families on keeping our community drug free.

For more information, call (609) 923-4917 or e-mail [pasa.pennsaukendrugalliance@gmail.com](mailto:pasa.pennsaukendrugalliance@gmail.com).



## MAYOR'S CORNER Working On The Weekend To Keep Pennsauken Safe And Clean



By Jack Killion,  
Mayor of  
Pennsauken  
Township

Weekends during this time of year are always jam packed with activities. We run around to take the kids to their games on time; run errands that we can't do during the work week; take fun family day trips while the weather's still reasonably warm; or clean up in and around the house.

Unfortunately, there's also some activity that's been happening over the weekend that we're not too thrilled about. Pop-up businesses set up tents to sell food in parking lots without licenses; businesses that clutter up sidewalks with too much merchandise; folks who park cars on their lawns, not in their driveways

or on the street. These are all blatant violations of our Township's code, which is designed to help keep our community clean and safe. And it doesn't paint a pretty picture of Pennsauken.

A lot of people who do these kinds of things think they can get away with it, because it's the weekend and the Township offices are closed. I'm writing to let you know they are in for quite a surprise.

Starting this month, members of Pennsauken's code enforcement and property maintenance departments will be spending some quality time on the streets of Pennsauken during the weekends. They'll be specifically looking for the people and businesses trying to take advantage of the system we have in place to keep our town safe and clean.

We are not trying to stop people from making an honest wage; in fact, I think you'd agree that Pennsauken for the

most part is pretty business friendly. We also don't want to get involved in every single aspect of our residents' lives. But you have to look at this way: we really do work for you; your taxes pay for the services we provide our community. Wouldn't you want your elected officials and municipal government to look out for you? It really is a common sense issue. What if that pop-up food vendor without the proper licenses didn't keep a sanitary work space and you got sick from something you ate? Or you tripped on the sidewalk because there were too many items out in front of a business? And do you want to look out your front door and see cars parked on the grass on your block? If we don't keep an eye out for things like that, the onus is on us. We have an obligation to stop those things from happening in Pennsauken, as well as prevent them from occurring in the future.

As always, we'd like for our businesses and residents to work with us. If you have an issue regarding any of our requirements, please reach out to us. If you see blight in our community, be sure to tell us about it. And most importantly, if we as a municipality have done something wrong, take us to task. I've said it before and I'll say it again. We work for you, not the other way around.

So as we begin to wrap up 2018 in Pennsauken, let's all continue to work together: businesses, residents, and municipal government. By remaining committed to making our town clean and safe, we can be sure that Pennsauken remains a great place to work and live.

On behalf of myself as your mayor, the entire Township Committee, and our municipal employees, I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

## Pennsauken Residents Polled On Proposed Farmer's Market

Pennsauken Township's Municipal Government is considering putting together a monthly farmer's market for the 2019 spring/summer season. The proposed market would be located at the Township's Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., and would be held on a weekday evening.

The Township is polling Pennsauken residents about this idea. Individuals interested in sharing their thoughts on having a farmer's market are asked to visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-farmers-market](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-farmers-market) to complete a brief survey. The Township will be accepting submissions through Friday, Nov. 16.

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**Pennsauken - Pack your bags!**

Pack your bags! This beautiful Pennbrook Center Hall Colonial is ready to go! Formal Living Room & Dining Room, bright sunlit Family Room with half bath, 4 great sized Bedrooms. Main Bathroom features a fabulous Garden Tub, Master Bedroom features a huge closet with dressing area and a beautiful recently renovated half bath. Huge basement that can easily be turned into additional living space. Maintenance free exterior. Spend those summer nights relaxing on the cozy front porch or on the back patio. \$219,900



**Pennsauken - Bungalow**

Move right into this adorable bungalow, interior was updated a little over a year ago with brand new flooring, paint, carpeting upstairs, bathroom completely redone, kitchen redone with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and tile backsplash. Amazing front porch which wraps around the side of the home and a backyard deck also, close to major highways and easy access to Philly and close to shopping. \$123,000



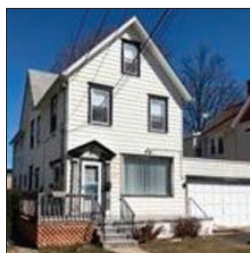
**Paulsboro - Duplex**

Both units are rented and vouchers are in place, good tenants - each unit featuring 2 beds, 1 bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, basement, rear yard... Large 2 car detached garage (not for tenants use). Great investment property. Tenant owned washer/dryer/a/c units. \$79,900



**Pennsauken - Upgrades**

Upgrades through-out this three bedroom, two full bath home. Living room, dining room, full basement, gas heat and back deck. One car attached garage. Yard features a storage shed. New bathroom, newer kitchen and freshly painted. \$144,900



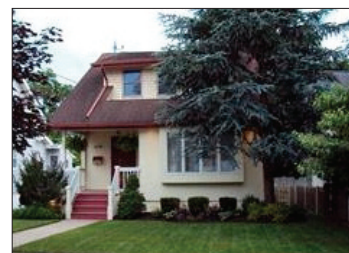
**Pennsauken - Attention Investors!**

This property is perfect for an owner/occupant or investor. The upstairs unit features a beautiful updated kitchen, refinished hardwood flooring & fresh paint. It has 3 bedrooms, a nice sized LR & DR. This unit could be easily converted to a 4 bedroom unit and net you even more income. The first floor unit is enormous and features a huge bedroom with large closet, a large LR, DR and a nice sized kitchen. The basement has an outside entrance. Each unit has separate utilities. There is also a two car garage that could produce more income. The property is in great shape and is priced to sell!!! Don't miss this great income property with a positive cash flow. \$174,900



**Pennsauken - Leisuretowne**

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## WAGSWORLD A Wood Carving That Was Almost Too Much To Bear

By Bob Wagner,  
AAP Columnist

I have a friend, Jim, down in Washington Township who carves stuff with a chainsaw. Mostly big stuff, like big, honking bears; but he breaks the monotony with six-foot tall light houses, turtles, and pumpkins. Since this is pumpkin season, his yard is chock full of fat wooden pumpkins. I have one on my front steps, and it gives me great pleasure to watch the squirrels try in vain to eat up the holiday decorations. Plus, the thing doesn't

turn to mush at the end of the season. It's been three years now, and the squirrels haven't caught on yet.

The other day, my friend Jim the carver posted on Facebook that he was getting rid of a bear carving he had started but not finished a few years back. It was up for adoption, either as a project, or fire wood. He wanted it gone! Now, my carving urge has escalated recently, and I thought, "This would be a great project for those long, cool days coming up at the garage." So Jones and I took off at a run for Washington Town-

ship with one of Jones' fine trucks. We watched while young Jimmy pushed and tugged the 5 ft. 8 in., 350 lb plus statue over to the truck. A few pushes later, and the bear was laid out in the truck, with four wooden blocks to keep it from rolling around on the way home.

The two old guys and the bear made it home unscathed. Then, we parked in front of the garage and wondered how in the world we would unload this monster without young Jim.

Not to be outfoxed by a bear, we pulled the retaining blocks out. It - gender has not been determined at this point - promptly rolled over and dented a fender on Jones' truck. I suggested tying a rope around the bear, tying the other end to the garage, and driving

away. But saner heads prevailed due to the possibility that the building could fall down, and not the bear.

Refusing to admit to failure, we passed on asking for help, and instead used our vast array of tools, ropes, pulleys, and brute strength, along with serious cussing and dumb luck, to finally unload the monster. The truck survived with only a flesh wound. We were bruised and belittled, but after an adult beverage and a short rest, we manhandled the partially carved sculpture into the building.

So far, I have spent over eight hours pounding on chisels, carving out the face and head. I now know why people use power tools! Add to the work factor, the bride has stated with authority that the

bear will not ever live on our tiny front lawn. But I remain undaunted.

At the current rate of progress, it could be months before the bear is finished. Tomorrow, I am going to the men's toy store, Harbor Freight, to search out a sort of power wheel thingy that works like a chain saw. I live in fear of the saw, as my admittedly short attention span could lead to losing a digit, or worse. I choose to chance this, however, to speed up progress.

The bride has refused to help, perhaps because I suggested that her sharp tongue might help remove loads of wood shavings by simply talking to the bear. I suspect, based on long years of experience, that she will talk to me again, but it may be Christmas.

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## Keep Fire Safety In Mind This Thanksgiving

From the Pennsauken-Collingswood  
Fire Prevention & Inspection Bureau

Thanksgiving is a time for coming together with family and friends to celebrate all of the things we can be thankful for. It's also the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment. According to the National Fire Protection Association, you're three times as likely to have a home fire in the kitchen on Thanksgiving than any other day of the year!

Here are some helpful tips to make sure that both your food - and your property - don't get burnt this holiday.

- Keep an eye on cooking food - unattended cooking is a contributing factor to 34 percent of all home fires; also be sure to keep things that can catch fire away from the cooking area
- Watch the range - ranges or cook tops account for almost three out of five re-

ported home fires; ovens account for 16 percent

- Don't fry that turkey - turkey fryers pose a significant danger, causing serious burns and fires; if you really want that fried turkey, leave it to the professionals
- If there is a fire, don't try to fight it yourself - more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when victims tried to fight the fire themselves; call 9-1-1 immediately

By keeping these important tips in mind, you can keep your loved ones and home safe not just during the holidays, but all year round.

*he information in this article was provided by the National Fire Protection Association. For more on fire safety, be sure to visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).*

## PENNSAUKEN NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Township Committee**

5:30 p.m. Thursday, November 8,  
and Monday, November 19

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 7,  
and Monday, November 19

**Planning Board**

6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 8,  
and Tuesday, November 27

Meetings are open to the public  
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## November A Busy Month For History In Pennsauken

By Robert Fisher-Hughes,  
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

In the wake of the first annual Camden County History Week, Pennsauken Historical Society keeps the end-of-year momentum going with events to interest every member of the family.

The First Sunday event on Nov. 5 gives interested visitors a taste of the range of opportunities for history volunteers in the work of the Society at Burrough-Dover House, Griffith Morgan House and in the community. Both historic houses are open to the public on that Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for tours, talks, hospitality, history, and also to discover ways to get involved as a docent, tour guide, event planner, historian,

trail-maker, and much more! Our historical work has always been supported by our community through donations, membership, and, most importantly, volunteers who give just a few hours of time and knowhow each year.

### Results Of Paranormal Investigation Of Historic Homes On November 15

On Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7:00 p.m., come out to a truly unusual annual membership meeting at Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., when the Pennsauken Historical Society welcomes the paranormal investigators of N.J.R.O.P.E. to reveal the results of the first-ever investigation of Pennsauken's two homes for history.

Conducted simultaneously at both houses over two nights using sophisticated sensory, recording, and communications equipment, these paranormal investigations are only the beginning, as plans are made to follow-up with opportunities for members of the public to participate in future efforts to communicate

with the "other side." The meeting is open to the general public and will feature reviews of this year's programs and next year's plans; as well as the election of officers to serve for a two-year term, with members only voting. Light refreshments will be offered.

### Traditional Events Return To Historic Homes

On Saturday, Nov. 17, both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House will be open for our traditional events before Thanksgiving. Burrough-Dover House will be decorated for the

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## Polling Locations For November 6 General Election

By Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken Clerk

The New Jersey General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Below is a list of polling locations for

Polling Location	Street Address	District #s
Pennsauken Fire Company #2	2215 Merchantville Ave.	1 & 24
Riverview Village Community Center	407 Riverview Rd.	2
Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Martin Luther Chapel	4100 Terrace Ave.	4 & 16
Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Pennsauken Free Public Library	5605 N. Rt. 130	7
Homestead Youth Center	4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
St. Mathews United Methodist Church	1665 Derousse Ave.	9 & 14
Temple Lutheran Church	5600 North Route #130	11
Macaro's Catering	6225 Westfield Ave.	12
Masonic Lodge	6926 Park Ave.	13 & 18
Faith Worship Center	550 49th St.	15
Pennsauken United Methodist Church	3541 Pennsylvania Ave.	17
Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Comm.	6751 Westfield Ave.	19
Circle of Hope Church	3800 Marlton Pike	20
Stonegate Apartments	5105 Stonegate Dr.	21
Cooper River Plaza	2400 McClellan Dr.	22

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**Raffle drawing is November 14th. Tickets are available now at the Pennsauken Library, 5606 Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ.**  
**Ticket prices are \$2.00 a piece, 3 for \$5.00**

*All proceeds from the Raffle support the very popular Museum Pass Program available to all Pennsauken Free Public Library cardholders.*

The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, a 501 (c) (3) organization

## Construction, Road Closures On Cuthbert Boulevard Bridge Nears Completion

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For those residents dealing with the lane closures along the Cuthbert Blvd. Bridge as part of their daily commute and travels, relief is in sight.

While you can't see it top side, work is being actively done on the bridge, which spans Cooper River from Pennsauken into Haddon Township. The needed superstructure repairs are occurring underneath the bridge, with crews adding steel angles, steel plate, and steel channels to

the webs and flanges of the affected beams as specified by the engineer. Work also includes traffic control and maintenance, cleaning and painting of steel, and the installation of reinforced concrete diaphragms. The construction being done on the Cuthbert Blvd. Bridge, undertaken by Camden County, is part of a \$1 million project funded by the state Department of Transportation Local Bridge Future Needs fund.

As for timing, representatives from

Remington and Vernick, the company managing the construction project, indicated that full time lane closures on both sides of the bridge should be removed by mid November. Intermittent lane closures may be needed for incidental issues, but round-the-clock closures will not be necessary.

*For questions regarding this project, contact Joe Ragusa from Remington and Vernick at joseph.ragusa@rve.com.*

## November A Busy Month For History In Pennsauken continued from page 5

holiday season and offer cheer to all who come by to start their merry season from noon to 4:00 p.m. Griffith Morgan House will hold its own traditional "Frost on the Pumpkin" event from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m. with authentic hearth cookery, living history demonstrations, and the life of a local farmhouse of olden times, as families prepared for the coming of winter. Both houses will offer light refreshments and

historical tours of the colonial houses and museums of local history and nostalgia: perfect for opening the holiday season!

Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Haddonfield Rd., opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light. Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Route 73.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House and Pennsauken Historical Society pages, or the group, "Pennsauken History Forum," on Facebook for more details and directions; or call (856) 486-9561 and leave a message or e-mail pennsaukenhistorical-society@gmail.com. Both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House are also open for tours, events, and research by prior appointment.

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## Third Annual "Back The Blue" Jeep Ride Thanks Police Officers



Members of the Jeep community came together in a show of support to local law enforcement and first responders during the third annual "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For the third year in a row, members of the Jeep community came together last month in a show of support to local law enforcement and first responders. The "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride saw dozens of jeep owners travel to police stations in several communities to thank officers for their dedicated service.

"We're out here just to say thanks to the men and women in blue," says Ann Marie McCusker, the organizer of the "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride. "It's so important for us to be out here because police don't get the support they need."

"As you know, being a police officer is a very difficult job and it's just awesome to have the community support," says Pennsauken's Acting Police Chief John Nettleton. "To have this many people come up early on a Saturday morning to support us is really overwhelming."

Departing from the Cherry Hill Mall, the Jeep caravan traveled to the Township's police department, where they

were greeted by a large American flag, on display courtesy of the Pennsauken Township Fire Department. After thanking officers and firefighters for their commitment to keeping the community safe, Jeep owners were treated to coffee, bottled water, and pastries as way of saying, "thank you."

"These individuals took time out of their day to thank us. We wanted to thank them also," explains Nettleton.

Rain and clouds gave way to clearer skies; and after a group photo and more handshakes, drivers returned to their Jeeps and headed off to their next stop, building upon a new Camden County tradition and strengthening the important relationship between community members and law enforcement.

"It rained on us this morning, but we're still here showing our support," says McCusker. "We're hoping to continue this as an annual event for many years to come."

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## Three Ribbon Cuttings In Under Ten Minutes At Hargrove Plaza

Within the last year, three new businesses have come in to help anchor Hargrove Plaza along Haddonfield Rd. In March, Mama's Meatballs opened the retail counterpart to its food truck busi-

ness, becoming a popular spot among residents.

Layla's Nails & Spa began serving customers a few months ago. The store also features artwork with Autism

Awareness as its subject matter.

The newest edition is the Pennsauken Sweet Shop, which opened in Merchantville in July 2017 and just made the move to town. Pennsauken Mayor Jack

Killion and members of the Township's economic development department were on hand last month to recognize all three businesses with official ribbon-cuttings, all within minutes of each other!



Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion and members of Pennsauken Township's Economic Development Department were on hand for three ribbon cuttings at Hargrove Plaza on Haddonfield Rd.

## How To Prevent Your Pets – And Yourself – From Getting Rabies

By Nancy Welsh, Pennsauken Township Animal Control Officer

You may have seen a post on Facebook recently stating a kitten in Pennsauken was found to have rabies. The rabies virus is a disease found on all continents, except for Antarctica. It affects warm-blooded animals and can be passed on to both pets and humans through a bite. It is a viral disease that can lead to fatal consequences if left untreated.

The most common local carriers of rabies are raccoons, skunks and bats. In 2016, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 4,910 cases of rabies in a variety of wild and domestic animals. The majority of cases were among wildlife, predominantly bats, raccoons, and skunks. The remainder – a little over eight percent – occurred among domesticated animals, such as cats, cattle, and dogs; dogs had only 58 cases in the entire U.S.A. This information shows that rabies continues to circulate among wild and domesticated animals. Humans are also at risk, as there have been 40 confirmed cases of rabies among humans in the United States and Puerto Rico from 2013 through October 2017, with one confirmed fatality.

Having your pets vaccinated keeps them from contracting rabies, as well as provides a barrier of protection for you, should your pet be bitten by a rabid wild animal.

Supervise your pets when they are outdoors and do not let them roam. Keeping pets under direct supervision will make sure they don't come in contact with wild animals. Cats that are "indoor/outdoor"

are at high risk for coming into contact with wildlife and contracting rabies; it is imperative for them to be kept up to date on their vaccines.

Spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or regularly vaccinated.

If you encounter a stray animal that is acting unusually vicious or aggressive, acting strangely or is having trouble walking, immediately report the animal to animal control or the police.

If you get bit by a wild animal or an unknown stray, clean the wound with soap and water as soon as possible. If possible, capture the suspect animal in a box, so it can be tested for rabies. Contact animal control or the police to have the animal picked up. Go to the hospital, urgent care center, or your doctor for treatment of the wound. The doctor will likely start a post-exposure treatment for rabies. Once the rabies test is completed on the animal and is negative, you can stop the treatment if you like.

If your pet has been bitten by a wild animal or any animal that might be at risk for infection, take it to the veterinarian immediately. Waiting even a day will give the infection time to spread. Mt. Laurel Animal Hospital and Red Bank Veterinary Hospital are 24-hour emergency hospitals, should a bite occur when your veterinarian is closed.

The incidence of rabies in this area is almost non-existent. In the almost 13 years I have been in Pennsauken, this is the first documented case of rabies in

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## All Around Pennsauken To Highlight Holiday Specials For Small Business Saturday

For the fourth year in a row, All Around Pennsauken will highlight local deals and specials in both Pennsauken and Merchantville as part of Small Business Saturday. Held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday encourages shoppers to patronize small “brick and mortar” businesses in their community.

“A lot of businesses in Pennsauken and Merchantville look forward to this time of year to boost sales and end the year on a high note,” says Frank Sinatra, editor, All Around Pennsauken. “As a

community newspaper, it's important for us to help support the folks that have their businesses here.”

Businesses based in Pennsauken and Merchantville are eligible to participate. In order to receive an online listing, the business must have a special offer, sale, etc. that runs on Saturday, Nov. 24. Businesses must provide specific details about the promotion and include important in-

formation such as:

- Address of business
- Hours of operation
- Details of sale/promotion
- Contact info for customers

Listings should be e-mailed to [aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us) no later than end of day Monday, Nov. 19. All specials will be highlighted on AllAroundPennsauken.com on Friday, Nov. 23.

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## SENIORCORNER Tips For Seniors To Prepare For Winter Weather

By Sonny DiSabato,  
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

Winter is right around the corner and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. If you haven't already, here are

some simple steps you can take to be ready for when winter weather arrives:

- Check your heater to make sure that it's running well; also, buy inexpensive heater filters and replace them each month

- Have a three-day supply of non-perishable food for each person in the house
- In case of a power outage, have candles, matches, flashlights, and fresh batteries handy
- Have salt and fertilizer to use on steps

and walkways to melt icy patches

- Make sure that your cell phone is charged at 100 percent prior to any forecast of winter weather; also, be sure to stay in touch with family and friends so that they know you're okay

If you drive:

- Check your car's battery to make sure that it's working properly
- Have plenty of gas in the tank

- Make sure your cell phone is fully charged and with you while on the road

- Keep items like blankets and flashlights handy in case of an emergency

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## November Events For Merchantville Woman's Club

The Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their guest night on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave., 6:30 p.m. Several local veterans will be our guests and we will all enjoy a potluck dinner.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Merchantville Community Center at noon. There will be a tea luncheon followed by a meeting and program.

During both events on Nov. 13 and 14, attendees will hear from a speaker from the Camden County Court Appointed Special Advocate, who will discuss how they work with foster children.

### Bunco Party On November 28

The Woman's Club of Merchantville is holding a Bunco Party and Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 28, noon, at the Merchantville Community Center. No experience is necessary. For more information and tickets, contact Geri at (856) 665-5468.

The Merchantville Woman's Club has been one of the leading service organizations in the region. Women from our community are members committed to making a difference. Among other things, the Club raises money for local and state charities and scholarships. Activities include monthly card and game parties and volunteer opportunities at the Cathedral Kitchen. If you would like to attend a meeting, or for more information, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.



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## GRAYMATTERS

### Counting Blessings During A Month Of Giving Thanks

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

My usual Thanksgiving columns are usually the "usual." Did I just type that?

But, you know what I mean. Turkey or Tofurky dinners; pumpkins and pumpkin pies; and gratitude to give thanks for all the things we're blessed with.

But for some reason, during the course of this year, I have had a broader vision of things... lovely things, smaller things, funny things, things that sometimes go unnoticed. I have to say thanks for them too. AND, since many of you reading this are all 50 or older, I think some of these things will ring a familiar bell.

I'm thankful for the people who drive their cart by me in the grocery store while I'm looking for something and actually say "excuse me" for blocking my view. I'm thankful for the person in that same store who has 173 items in their cart and I have 30 and they say, "You go ahead of me, I've got a whole cartload here."

I'm thankful for the memory that doesn't fail me when I have the "oldies" station playing and I can still remember the words to every song Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and The Everly Brothers ever sang. I'm also thankful that I can still dance along and not miss a beat doing the Twist, Bugaloo, or Shing-a-ling. And I thought my Shing-a-ling days were over. HAH!

I thank days gone by when I see an old TV show and notice a clock radio, rabbit ears, a "Harvest Gold" Westinghouse, and a Betsy Wetsy doll, all as brand new items that I remember from when those shows were first aired.

I'm grateful my friends are as won-

derful as they are. They are the family we chose to be with and I love them with all of my heart.

I'm grateful to have lived into my 70s. And, if any angels happen to be reading this over your shoulder, please note that I'm more than willing to keep this "aging thing" up until I'm at least 100. Just sayin'.

I'm also thankful for fresh Reese's Peanut Butter Cups; the Eagles' Super Bowl win; when I wake up without an ache anywhere; Aunt Charlotte's chocolate truffles; my morning coffee that my friends have labeled "Jet Fuel;" the sound of laughter; a good hug; my flower boxes and the butterflies and hummingbirds who come to visit them; and that I get 32 miles a gallon in the Kia. I am also ever so grateful for my fur children: my darling dog, Sophie; and our three loveable cats who think they're dogs: Mookie, Lucky, and Miss Holly.

And, as a reader of this fine local newspaper, I want to thank you for all the kind things you've said about my columns over the years. And last but not least, a huge thank you to the dear friend who edits my every word, the irreplaceable, good-hearted family man, and genuine all-purpose super hero that he is: AAP Editor, Frank Sinatra.

Wishing you all a glorious holiday filled with love, joy, hope, good health, laughter, and happy memories to last a lifetime... and a "Shing-a-ling" every now and then couldn't hurt either.

Peace and love and extra whipped cream on your pumpkin pie,

~Judy

## Second Annual Parade Of Lights On December 14



The Township's second annual Parade of Lights will be held on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Fire trucks, emergency service vehicles, and more will be decorated with bright lights and festive decorations as they ride along Park Ave., beginning at the Masonic Temple and running towards Browning Rd. via Chestnut Ave. In addition, Santa Claus is sure to make an appearance, riding a fire engine at the end of the parade, which should take roughly

an hour from start to finish.

"Our inaugural parade was a great event, with last year's snow making a perfect backdrop," says Bill Orth, Pennsauken Township Committee. "We hope that the entire Pennsauken community joins us for this special holiday celebration."

As with last year's event, the Parade of Lights will be shared via Facebook Live on the "Pennsauken Television" Facebook page.

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## PHS Students Take Part In Cooper Medical School's JUMP High Program



Several students from Pennsauken High School were selected to be part of the JUMP (Junior Urban Medial Pioneers) High Program at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. Students worked with medical students and doctors engaging in hands on activities and interactive learning. Congratulations to Ramsha Chowdhary, Bryanna Carey, Yazmin Santana, Sana Farhat, Jada Gabri'El, and Kayla Fisher!

## Pennsauken High School Holds Open House For Township Community



Pennsauken High School opened its doors to the town community during last month's open house.

Pennsauken High School opened its doors to the community during a special open house last month.

Parents of prospective students and the students themselves were greeted by a few of our Air Force JROTC members as they arrived. Information was given about our various academic programs, CTE programs, dual credit classes, and community partnerships. The audience was then treated to a performance by our school's amazing marching band. Following guided tours by our student leaders, everyone gathered in the cafeteria to see many of our clubs and sports teams.

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## “Rocking Rabbits” Ready For Respect And Responsibility

By Ms. Ransone, Carson Elementary

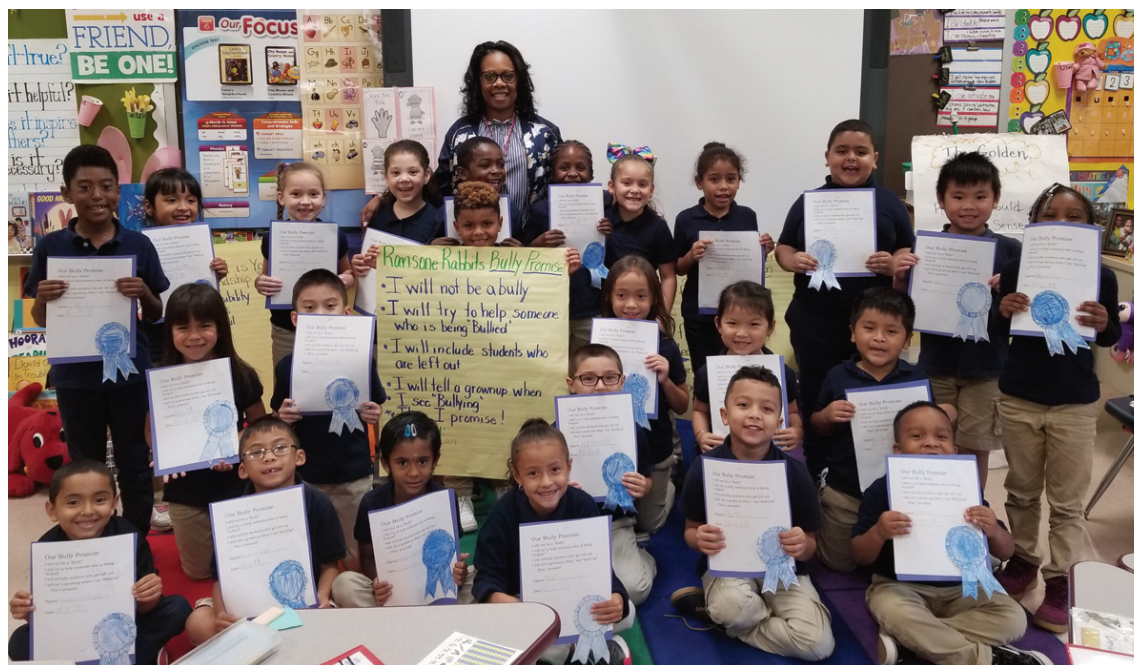
First grade at Carson is off to a positive start. Our class, known as the “Rocking Rabbits,” has taken a serious commitment to “respect and responsibility.”

After a lesson on character building by our counselor, we took it a step further and developed and took our own anti-bully pledge. The anti-bully pledge is said after morning announcements and the flag salute.

All my families were on board for practicing our “promise” at home.

Since instituting our promise, we have noticed less bullying in our classroom because we are looking out for each other... like a family.

Ms. Ransone’s “Rocking Rabbits” at Carson have made a commitment to be respectful to each other and take responsibility for their actions.



## Board of Education Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., Room 327, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

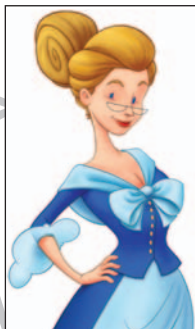
Prior to the meeting Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly “Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent” beginning at 5:00 p.m. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

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## Baldwin Learns About Respect, Self Esteem From A New Friend



Jubilee the Koala Bear visited Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center for the “Week of Respect.” Jubilee had the students and staff dancing and learning how to build sound moral character and increase self esteem.



## Building “Home To School” Connections At Fine Elementary

Students and families of Room #300 at Fine Elementary are having a great time building home to school connections via ClassDojo.

Teachers, students, and parents are building a positive climate through sharing and commenting on school and home activities. All families are part of the classroom community, as they see what the students are learning every day.

Teachers get to share in the good news from home as parents and students share photos and comments about their home lives as well. Positive behavior at home and at school is valued and recognized. Dojo points are given to reinforce good decisions and following rules and expectations.

Fine Elementary School first grade students Chance Battle, Akiramarie Cruz-Villalobos, Joseph Bassett, and Jack Killion III are members of the ClassDojo 100 Point Club! Way to go friends! Keep up the good work.



## Ngan Chiem Receives Young Community Leader Award From Camden County

During last month's meeting of the Camden County Freeholder Board, Ngan Chiem, a senior at Pennsauken High School, was presented with the Young Community Leader award by Camden County Freeholder Jonathan Young for her work in the community.

To learn more about Ngan's accomplishments, read the full recap on [AllAroundPennsauken.com](http://AllAroundPennsauken.com).



## Carson Students Enjoy Learning “On The Farm”

Mrs. DeMarco's second and third grade class is working hard this year in all subjects, especially in language arts, reading and writing. The class is enjoying our leveled readers from the Journeys curriculum, especially, “On the Farm!” Students are learning about life on a farm and their favorite barnyard animals!



## Carson Third Graders Eager To Learn

Third grade students in Mrs. Brennan's class are off to a great start this school year! The students have been working hard learning how to multiply in math, writing a personal narrative by following the writing process in language arts and learning the engineering process in science. Recently, they have been working on creating a tower that would hold 100 grams for 15 seconds, using toothpicks and modeling clay. Students researched different structures and how they were built. They then discussed and drew their designs. Finally, they built their structures and tested them. The students learned a lot about being engineers and working together as a team to solve a problem!



Students in Mrs. Brennan's third grade class researched structures and how they are built as they prepared to create a tower that would hold 100 grams for 15 seconds using toothpicks and modeling clay.

## Program Shows That Fine Students Can Be “Counted On”

Fine Elementary students welcomed guest speakers from a student development and bully prevention program to speak about making responsible choices and taking responsibility for their actions.

The two speakers presented fictional but believable scenarios of students who take responsibility for their actions, keep their promises and respecting others' time, just to name a few. The assembly comprised of actual acting out scenarios and video presentations on a giant three screen image that was set up by the presenters.

Some Fine students got to act out examples of being “counted on,” as someone who is trustworthy and responsible. Questions and problems were presented to the whole group as a check to see



Guest speakers gave a special student development and anti-bullying presentation to students at Fine Elementary.

what students understood.

Nearly all Fine students walked away from the presentation understanding how important it is to be “counted on!”

## Carson Students Learn The Importance Of Respect

During the first week of October, students at Carson Elementary School were charged with the word “respect.” Students learned the “Golden Rule:” treat others the way you want them to treat you. Each classroom created paper links with kind words and phrases of kindness. The display of paper links throughout the hallways will remind students that school is a safe place.



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By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Diane Johnson, Vice President; Michael Bortnowski; Cheryl Duffy; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Orlando Viera; JoAnn Young; and Mike Trost

Public school systems play a vital role in the promotion of health and wellness

## Focusing On School-Based Health And Wellness

for their student body. With over 50 million children enrolled in the public school system in the United States, school districts have the opportunity to promote healthy behaviors, reinforce the importance of health education, and can empower students to develop good habits that will be sustained well into adulthood. The Pennsauken Board of Education recognizes the importance of school-based health initiatives and is open to exploring any option that will increase not just the health of the students, but the entire Pennsauken community.

On Oct. 17, under the leadership of Keith Meloni, the Pennsauken School District hosted their first monthly Wellness Committee meeting at Pennsauken High School. Attendees included teachers from Pennsauken, as well as community residents and a representative from the Pennsauken Board of Education. Over 30 different stakeholders were in attendance to discuss the School District's wellness initiatives, existing policies, future programs, and network with the goal of creating a healthier environment for students and faculty.

The committee discussed the existing school wellness policy and will create a wellness coordinator for all designated locations in the District. This is being implemented with the intent to be able to address all of the unique health and wellness needs of each site, while being able to report back to the Pennsauken School District Wellness Committee. School-based healthcare initiatives were also brought to the table through a variety of different topics, such as the walking school bus program to increase physical activity of students; faculty wellness events for employee engagement; community/urban gardens; and creating monthly health topics that promote healthy living each month on the District's website.

In addition, a representative from the Board of Education will be in atten-

dance each month to act as a direct line of communication for all wellness topics.

Sustaining a healthy learning environment for both teachers and students is vital to the overall success of the District. Having a wellness committee within the school system assists the Board in addressing needs of the District and taking advantage of opportunities that may be available to help our students and faculty.

The next meeting of the Pennsauken School District Wellness Committee will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Pennsauken High School's cafeteria. All members of the Pennsauken community are invited to attend and participate.

If you have any questions about the Wellness Committee, please reach out to kmeloni@pennsauken.net.

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Nicole Roberts, Editor  
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## "Leaf" It To Baldwin For A Fun Lesson On Trees



Students in Mrs. Voorhees' class at Baldwin Early Childhood Center made edible trees using pretzels and cereal. They talked about the parts of the trees like the trunk, branches, and different colored leaves. The students had fun and it was delicious too!

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## Fine Celebrates Its Students Of The Month

In September, the teacher selected students of the month at Fine School enjoyed a story read by Mr. Honeyman, a soft pretzel and a "star student" wristband. Criteria for students of the month involve good character, strong effort and academic achievement.

Congratulations to Hannah Carey, Ella Martz, William Santiago, Davian Avce-Edelman, Arianny Fadio, Janet Nguyen, Izayah Warren, Cameron Lectora, Victoria Ngo, Nathaniel Cream, Stevie Villaronga, Joseph Bassett, Enrod Velazquez, Colin Rowan, Tharry Thach, and Kaleb Lawrence-Andujar.

Fine's students of the month enjoyed a story ready by Mr. Honeyman, soft pretzel, and "star student" wristband.



## Delair Elementary Is Full Of Super Readers



Delair Elementary held a project parade, in which first through third grade students showcased the projects, reports and drawings they created. All student work was proudly displayed in the school library. For reaching their summer reading goals, students also received a "super reader" certificate, Team Delair super reader bookmark, and a small snack to take home.

## Fine Students Are Full Of Physical Education Fun

Students have been learning and perfecting multiple skills in physical education. These learned skills are the gateway for many sports and physical activities that students will be introduced to in the coming years of PE.

Our pre-k, first, and second grade students have been enjoying themselves while learning new things such as hula

hooping, jump roping, kicking, and catching! These skills are all related to hand eye coordination. Although these things may be new and difficult for some, they are pivotal stepping stones for athletics. These learned abilities will assist students with things such as, baseball, basketball, football, and soccer!



Aiden Moore from Mrs. Dreschel's class uses the stomp and catch method to practice catching during P.E. class!

## Touch-A-Truck And Trunk Or Treat A Spooky Success

Thank you to all of the District staff, first responders, municipal employees, and community members who helped make our annual Touch-A-Truck and Trunk or Treat event a success!





## Junior Police Academy Cadets Recognized



Cadets from the Pennsauken Police Department's first-ever Junior Police Academy were recognized at a recent Township Committee Meeting. Participants enjoyed a week of education, awareness, and training over the summer. To see video highlights of the program, tune into Channel 19 or visit PennsaukenTV.com.

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## John Nettleton Acting Chief Of Police In Pennsauken

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Pennsauken, riding his bicycle from Galway Township to Washington, D.C. during the Police Unity Tour, in remembrance of fallen Pennsauken Township police officers.

Nettleton was promoted to the rank of captain in 2017 and has served as chief in an interim capacity since September of this year.

A native of Pennsauken, Acting Chief Nettleton attended Saint Stephen's Ele-

mentary School and is a member of Camden Catholic High School's graduating class of 1991. He graduated from Rutgers University-Camden in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and has a Master's in Administration of Criminal Justice. In 2016, Nettleton graduated from the New Jersey Chief's Association Command and Leadership Academy, a unique blend of theory and application designed to develop future police leaders.

## Pennsauken Police Officers Retire After Decades Of Service



Two longtime members of the Pennsauken Township Police Department recently retired after decades on the force. Sergeant Chris Sulzbach retired after 26 years as an officer; and Captain Michael Probasco retired after 36 years of service. Both Sulzbach and Probasco earned the respect of their fellow officers and the Pennsauken community. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirements!

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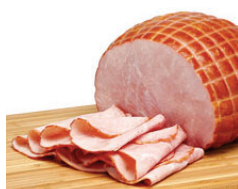


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## Reflecting On A Successful Year Of Tackling Vacant Properties

By Tracey Howarth,  
Pennsauken Township

It's always good to reflect back on the things we've done in the past to measure whether they are worth repeating for the future. Understanding where we've been and whether it worked helps to ensure that our next steps forward are taking us in the right direction. So as I look back over what occurred this year, I would sum it up by saying it worked and was all worth the time and effort we put in. There were a few bumps in the road, but all in all, it's all worth doing over again.

We embarked on a program last spring that focused on the properties that were non-compliant for registration fees. It's called Break Point Enforcement, an extension of our ProChamps partners. The program is meant to not only collect overdue registration fees, but more importantly, get the property registered and listed with a property maintenance company. Break Point has gotten 52 non-compliant properties registered since June 2018.

The changes we've made and adjustments we continue to make to our inspec-

tion process, the level of accountability that we have set for the parties responsible for the vacant properties, as well as the partnerships we've made with investors, non-profit organizations, and real estate associations, have kept our main goal of getting these properties occupied on the right track. Going into this year, we had 628 properties sold and in the hands of either an investor or a new resident. To date in 2018, we have taken that total to 820 and counting. That's 820 properties that are now back on the tax rolls and will be occupied with a new Pennsauken resident.

The Township had decided to take action on the properties that have municipal liens against them. The intent is to collect the back taxes, sell the properties for the full land value, and put them into the hands of people who are going to use them to benefit the town. We started out with a focus group of six properties; ones that we believed were very marketable. We are coming to a close on the judicial process for those properties and we have potential buyers for all six. Come the beginning of the year, we will be taking on another group of properties, again very marketable to those who want to help the town grow and putting them into

productive use.

The Township has had a grass cutting program for quite a while now. This year, we had the added benefit of our ProChamps partners allowing us to get a faster response from the property maintenance companies in getting this issue taken care of. By using our online resource, we were able to get violations out to the responsible parties much faster and hopefully getting a quicker resolution. This only works with the properties that were registered. For those that were not, we used our original process of certified mail and posting the violation on the front door of the property.

Over the last month, we took a hard look at the properties that had the worst overgrowth. The places where if not addressed, were going to create a true safety hazard for the community. We put together a list of those properties, 22 in total, met with our partners at Maple Leaf, and walked them through what we needed done at each property in order to get them up to code and in a safe place for the winter months. Maple Leaf removed the overgrowth at 16 of those properties. The owners or property maintenance companies took care of the remaining six. Each of the 16 prop-

erties that Maple Leaf serviced were assessed a lien for the invoice amount of the work.

We know there is plenty of work still to be done. We share these programs and their results so that you can see that things are moving forward. We've made progress, but there are still houses in town that need our attention. As we move forward and we discover more and different ways to handle these properties, we take great care in ensuring that we place each one in the program that will get it taken care of the quickest and with as little expense as possible.

For the concerned citizens that call to tell us about the properties in their area, dead trees that need to come down, squatter situations, or just overall concerns, we thank you very much for your help in keeping us informed. We have said many times: "It takes a village." You can believe that the Township village, our Committee, the communications department, the inspectors, public works, the tax office, the assessor, the finance office, the clerk, the administrator's office, the fire department and the police have all been a part of this initiative, doing whatever it takes to bring these properties back into productive use.

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## FOODADVENTURES Louisiana Chicken Now Open In Pennsauken

By Rachael Shugars,  
AAP Columnist

My adventure to this next location begins one day in October, when I had my son, Jack, and my nephew, Ryder, who are both two years old. We had just attended an event at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, along with some energetic playtime outside at the nearby playground. Suddenly, I had two toddlers screaming that they were hungry, and I needed to find them food before the “hanger” set in.

I remembered speaking with my editor about the new Louisiana Chicken on Rt. 130. Anyone in my family knows that I have a deep dislike for fast food chicken. I’ve been called crazy for thinking that Popeyes’ chicken is the furthest thing from appetizing; and my feelings for places like Boston Market and KFC don’t stray far from that. But, I soldiered on and decided to try this new chicken joint.

It’s accessible from every direction and isn’t a long drive from the Library. I rounded the corner of the drive thru with two wacky toddlers and placed our

orders. The boys got “shrimpies,” which is the kids’ meal version of a fried shrimp platter; it came complete with shrimp, fries, a biscuit, and a drink. I ordered the fish sandwich with fried okra and a side. I got a biscuit as well, which came with my meal, but no drink was included. The cool part is that all of their fountain drinks are only a dollar if you stick with the 16 oz. option.

Ryder made short work of his shrimp and most of the fries. My son, who is sometimes a fussy eater, eventually enjoyed all parts of his meal as well. The

drinks are big for a toddler but a good size for any 8 to 12 year-old. The pink lemonade was pretty good. My fried okra was tasty; I’ve always enjoyed fried okra and had the luxury of growing up with a mother and grandmother that really knew how to cook the stuff, so for fast food standards, I’d say it was definitely good. The fish sandwich was okay. It comes with a LOT of sauce on it, as well as cheese, which I sometimes find unusual for a fish sandwich. If you don’t like messy stuff, make sure you ask for no sauce or only a little bit. The sweet tea was good, especially for only \$1.

Overall, it was a good, quick fix meal for me and two kids when I absolutely didn’t

want to get out of the car to try and corral them into high chairs. Kids’ meals are about \$5 and you get a good amount of food. My meal was about \$8. Head over for yourself and give me some feedback on what you think. Give the fried okra a try and enjoy your Food Adventures!

Louisiana Chicken in Pennsauken is located at 7550 S. Crescent Blvd. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

If you like what you read each month, head over to Facebook and like my page, “All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures.” You can take a look at the other places I’ve visited in town.

## Camden County Freeholder Board Honors Pennsauken Organizations, Residents



During the Camden County Freeholder Board’s meeting in October, several organizations and individuals from Pennsauken were recognized, including Inglesby and Sons Funeral Home owner David Hernandez for Pennsauken’s Angel Tree Program and World War II veteran Lt. Col. John “Jake” Parvin. For a full recap, read the online story at [AllAroundPennsauken.com](http://AllAroundPennsauken.com).



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# MPWC WATERLINES

*The Commissioners and staff of The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!*

Please note that we will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23.

## A Reminder To Our Senior And Disabled Customers

With the end of the year quickly approaching, our senior and disabled customers are reminded to submit their enrollment form for their 2019 discount! Please note that even if you are currently receiving a discount, you must apply EACH year to continue receiving your discount.

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tive headquarters on Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken to pick up an application. You may also print a copy of the enrollment form by visiting our website at [www.mpwc.com](http://www.mpwc.com). Our customer support representatives will be happy to assist you in completing your enrollment form. Your enrollment form requires your block and lot number, so please bring along a copy of your tax bill.

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## KEEP INFORMED WITH REVERSE 9-1-1

This summer, the MPWC had handled a variety of water main breaks. For members of the community directly affected, we provide messages via our Reverse 9-1-1 notification system. To stay informed of all water emergencies that may occur within our service area, visit [MPWC.com/swift911](http://MPWC.com/swift911) to sign up for Reverse 9-1-1!

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

These meetings are open to the public and are held at 6751 Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken.

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## Veterans Honored In Pennsauken

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County Veterans Advisory Committee, cordially invite veterans and members of the community to attend a special ceremony to honor its men and women, past and present, who have faithfully served our nation.

Camden County's annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be on Sunday, Nov. 11, 1:00 p.m., at Veterans Island at Cooper River Park on North Park Drive in Pennsauken.

For more information, or to RSVP for the event, contact the Office of Veterans Affairs at (856) 374-5801.

### Veterans Ceremony At Pennsauken High School

Pennsauken High School, located at 800 Hylton Rd., will hold a special ceremony for veterans on Monday, Nov. 12, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m. Veterans and their spouses are invited to attend. For more information, or to RSVP for the event, contact Bridget Zino at (856) 662-8500 x5286.

### Information On Local Veterans Groups

Gross-Hollinshed VFW Post 1270 is located at 2324 Penn St. in Pennsauken. There are three qualifiers for membership in the VFW: U.S. Citizenship, honorable service in the armed forces, and

having served in a "war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters." Post meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m. Auxiliary meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://vfw1270.org>.

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 is one of the original posts in the American Legion Department of New Jersey. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to

join. The Post now has an Auxiliary Unit which also meets at 7:00 p.m. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join. The post has a very active Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/fwgriggspost68americanlegion](http://www.facebook.com/fwgriggspost68americanlegion).

AMVETS Post #101 in Delair is located at 519 June Rd. Membership is open to all who served honorably in the military of the United States. The post's monthly meeting is on the second Sunday at 11:00 a.m. They can be contacted by calling (856) 906-0213 or e-mailing [Amvets101@gmail.com](mailto:Amvets101@gmail.com).



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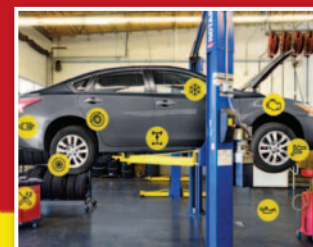
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## Chief Palumbo Competes In South Philly Meatball Contest

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## Volunteers Of America, Elected Officials Break Ground On Brittin Village Project

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion and Deputy Mayor Betsy McBride joined other elected officials and representatives from Volunteers of America Delaware Valley for a ceremonial groundbreaking of a new facility that will help create a home for working families and veterans.

The site of the former U.S. Army Nelson Brittin Training Center on Federal St. is being redeveloped into Brittin Village, a 66-unit, high-quality family rental community. The project is being built by Volunteers of America Delaware Valley, an organization that provides community-based assistance to populations in need so that they can lead self-fulfilled, independent lives.

"I'm proud to be here today to be honoring veterans in this way, to transform this Brittin Reserve into housing for at least 14 veteran families," said Deputy Mayor McBride, who addressed attendees during the groundbreaking ceremony. "It will also bridge a gap for other families in this community who need affordable housing and assistance transitioning into better housing and better jobs. It's all about helping people stand up."

Upon completion, Brittin Village will consist of 65 income-restricted rental units and an additional unit for on-site management. Fourteen of the units will be set aside for veterans; and seven units will be set aside for homeless households. All units will contain a full kitchen, living



**Elected officials helped Volunteers of America Delaware Valley break ground on Brittin Village, a community designed to providing housing to working families and veterans.**

and dining area, full bathrooms, large bedrooms, and Energy Star appliances. Brittin Village will also feature a community room, playground, and laundry mat.

"Brittin Village is a place that people will be proud to call home," said Dan Lombardo, president and CEO of Volunteers of America Delaware Valley.

"A lot of blood, sweat, and tears have gone into this project," added Judy Donlen, RN, DNSc, JD, chairperson of Volunteers of America's Board of Directors. "It's a labor of love."

The community is named for Nelson Brittin, a combat soldier from Camden County who died in action during the Korean War and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Michael Brittin, a descendent of Nelson's, spoke

about his family and their legacy of "giving their time" through military service, including Colonel William Brittin of the Revolutionary War; Joe Brittin, who served as one of George Washington's bodyguards; Burdick Brittin, who helped save the destroyer Aylwin during the attack on Pearl Harbor; as well as John Tipton, the Pennsauken native who died in Vietnam and is honored by the street that bears his name and memorials located throughout the town.

"Time is important to us. It's valuable. We have time on our wrists, time in our pockets, time on our phones [Nelson Brittin] died giving his time," said Michael. "We reference time by a little dash that's given on our tombstones. And for Nelson's, it says 'October 31, 1921 - March 7, 1951.' It's all we have: our time. If there is any legacy for the Brittin family today, it is that we sacrificed our time."

Several elected officials praised the efforts of Volunteers of America for the impact Brittin Village will have on local veterans and families in need.

"To have a facility in Pennsauken to be named after a Medal of Honor winner is very significant," said Congressman Donald Norcross. "[Brittin Village] is going to have a great use. It's going to take away from a name that we hate: homeless veterans."

"Homeless veterans are two words that don't belong in the same sentence,"

said New Jersey State Senator Jim Beach. "Brittin Village will help veterans move into permanent housing. Thank you to the VOA for what you do every day. It's a great organization."

"I want to commend Pennsauken and the VOA for this project that is well needed," added New Jersey State Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez.

"This is the second development in the last five years that's providing housing for veterans. And that's very important," reflected Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion. Brittin Village follows Riverfront Village, an almost \$19.5 million project that opened in 2015, providing 75 high-quality apartments for working class families and veterans. Killion also spoke of the importance of welcoming Brittin Village's residents.

"I think one of the most important things we can do as a town is we welcome, we embrace. We want to tell everyone that moves into this community that you're now part of our community."

Brittin Village is expected to be completed in approximately one year's time. When the project is about 50 percent done and sample apartments are finished, Volunteers of America will begin accepting applications for occupancy, which is anticipated to be a four to six month process. For more information, visit [VOADV.org](http://VOADV.org).

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## The “Eyes” Have It: Screenings At Local Schools A Success

The Pennsauken Lions Club spent time in September and October holding eye screenings at Pennsauken's public and parochial schools. This year, the Lions' sight team expanded their screening from pre-k students to second graders. There are over 1,300 children in this group; the Lions were able to screen 836. Compared to the 371 students screened from last year, the Lions reached over double the children. Of those 836, 181 needed to have further eye examination; last year's number was 68. That's almost triple!

The Lions will contact parents and guardians with information on how to get free or low-cost eye exams; and if necessary, the Lions Club will pay for children who cannot afford them.

The Pennsauken Lions Club uses a spot screener camera from Welch Allyn. They borrow their District's camera, but have been raising money to buy their own. The cost is around \$6,000 for the camera, not including insurance, carry bag, etc. The Lions have received a \$1,000 sponsorship from Margarete and Adolph Piperno of Cherry Hill. They have also received \$500 donations from SAR Automotive Equipment Inc, in Barrington; the Fanelle Family Foundation in Haddonfield; Doris and Dennis Sandole of Cherry Hill; and William Juliano of Willingboro Township. Matt and Diane McDevitt and Pastor Dave Stoner are \$40 sponsors; Johanna Schiavo is a \$25 sponsor; Kent Longaker and Peggy Sutton are \$20 sponsors; and Larry Lyford is a \$10 sponsor. In addition, each person who attended the Citizen of the Year dinner also contributed

to the campaign with a \$5 donation included in their ticket price; the Lions would like to thank these donors: Amy Chess, Holly Doyle, Gary Bergin, June Bergin, Mathew McDevitt, Derek Heacock, Sara Heacock, Mr. and Mrs. James McDevitt, Donald Lynch, Mike Guggino, Matt Gaskill, John Neissner, Ely Mateo, Judy and Joe DiAmore, and All Around Pennsauken. Even Facebook kicked off an online fundraiser from a Club member with a \$5 donation!

The Lions will continue to seek donation to cover the cost of the camera, which will allow the Lions to do more screenings throughout the year.

Mary Anne McFarland, the Club's sight chairman, was sidelined due to health issues; she appreciates Ely Mateo, Judy DiAmore, Sue Guggino, Kristian Diaz, Bernie Kofoet, and Barry Hanson for stepping up and covering these larger than usual groups of students. The Lions would also like to thank school nurses Jane Campbell, Joanne Conn, Colleen Otremsky, Ly Nguyen, Cheryl Rettinger, Vickie Carraciolo-Sullivan, Patricia DiDomenico, and Margaret Gilliss for getting the permission slips together and sending over the data ahead of time to make the screenings go faster.

### Lions Club In The Community

The Lions Club is grateful to Joe and Judy DiAmore of Steak 38 in Cherry Hill for hosting another successful Cigar Night fundraiser last month. Guests enjoyed great appetizers, dinner and dessert, and two premium cigars.

Upcoming events for the Lions include participating in Pennsauken's an-

nual Holiday Parade and helping sponsor the annual New Jersey Commission for the Blind shopping spree for visually challenged youth. Each youth is given a \$50 gift card to Target; Leo Club members from Pennsauken and Haddonfield help the kids find presents for their parents and siblings. After the gifts are pur-

chased, the youth go into the employee break area to get their presents wrapped, meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, and have snacks.

The Pennsauken Lions Club is looking for new members who would like to be of service to the community. They meet on the first and third Mondays of

the month at Macaro's Catering on Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. Cocktails and appetizers are at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; and the hour-long club meeting follows. If you would like more information about the Lions, contact [pennsaukenlionsclub@comcast.net](mailto:pennsaukenlionsclub@comcast.net) or call (856) 313-7751.

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## GOING GREEN Celebrating The Healthy And Tasty Mushroom

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP Columnist

It's been an unusually wet summer and mushrooms have been plentiful this year. A mushroom, or toadstool, is the fleshy, spore-bearing, fruiting body of a fungus, typically growing above ground on soil or on its food source which can

include trees or animal dung.

Mushrooms are found in a variety of habitats. However, each species is limited to a specific environment where it can grow. Most mushrooms are either saprotrophs, which are consumers of dead organic matter, or ectomycorrhizal, living symbiotically with living

woody plants. Large mushrooms arising from forest soil are likely to be ectomycorrhizal, at least in our area, while small mushrooms found on decaying leaves or wood are more likely to be saprotrophs.

Common consumable mushrooms include portabella, porcini, crimini,

morels, shiitake, enoki, and oyster. Each has its own unique shape, flavor, and texture. Mushrooms have a very short shelf life and should be eaten within a few days of purchase. We're very lucky that mushrooms are commercially grown in our area, where they are plentiful and available at local grocery stores.

Mushrooms are packed with nutrients. If you're looking for an all-natural multivitamin, skip the supplement aisle and pick up some mushrooms. Among their many nutrients: B vitamins, including pantothenic acid (B5), niacin (B3), and riboflavin (B2), plus copper and selenium. Mushrooms also have protein, fiber, potassium, vitamin D, and calcium. Not bad for a food that's more than 90 percent water. Potassium is important for your heart, muscles, and nerves. When you think of foods that are packed with potassium, bananas or watermelon might come to mind. But mushrooms are right up there in potassium content. Two-thirds of a cup of grilled, sliced portabellas, the most commonly sold mushrooms in grocery stores, have as much potassium as a medium sized banana.

High-heat cooking such as searing or roasting is the best way to bring out mushrooms' meaty, savory quality. Grilling is



**Mushrooms, full of flavor and vitamins, can be found in many varieties at local grocery stores.**

the best way to cook mushrooms without slashing their antioxidant power.

One word of caution: never pick and eat wild grown mushrooms. While there are varieties of wild mushrooms that can be eaten, some are deadly and look similar to edible mushrooms. Unless you are an expert, pick up your mushrooms from the local grocery store. There are about 70-80 species of poisonous mushrooms. Most will just make you sick, but a few can kill you. Toxic mushrooms include death caps, deadly dapperlings, destroying angels, autumn skullcaps, and fly agaric.

Mushrooms are a wonderful low calorie addition to your Thanksgiving feast; either sauté as a side dish, or add them to turkey stuffing. As you gather with your families this season to celebrate harvest, families, and our bountiful country, pass the mushrooms! Happy Thanksgiving!

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## Poster Contest Winners Honored At PMAC Luncheon

The three top place winners of the Pennsauken Holiday Parade Poster Contest will be honored at the upcoming Pennsauken-Merchandise Area Chamber of Commerce (P.M.A.C.) networking luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Pennsauken students in grades 5 through 12 were asked to submit artwork based on the theme, "Home for the Holidays." Entrees were judged by the P.M.A.C. planning committee. The first, second, and third place winners are invited with their parents or guardians and teachers to the luncheon for special recognition; they will also receive awards and prizes from our local businesses and be invited to ride in the Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade on Saturday, Nov. 24. In addition, the poster of the first place winner will be used on all parade announcements.

"Year after year, we've received some great submissions from students," says Matt Gaskell, chairperson of P.M.A.C. "These talented young artists really capture the spirit of the holidays in their

work. We would like to thank the Pennsauken School District for their support of this annual contest."

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 14, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com by Monday, Nov. 12.

## Cub Scout Pack Participating In The Scouting For Food Drive

Pennsauken Cub Scout Pack 116 is participating in the Garden State Council's annual Scouting for Food Drive. The food drive, which collects non-perishable items, provides much needed food items to help fight hunger in our communities. One out of five children and one out of every twelve households with seniors go hungry in New Jersey. In New Jersey alone, 900,000 people rely on food banks just to survive.

The Pack will collect non-perishable food items at the Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade on Saturday, Nov. 24. The food collected at both the Harvest Festival and the Holiday Parade goes to the Martin Luther Chapel's food pantry on Rt. 130 and Baker Ave. The Scouts will also be passing food bags out to their

neighbors to increase their collections. If a Scout approaches you to donate, please help us those in need in our community.

If you are interested in signing up your child, boys and girls from kindergarten to fifth grade, in Scouting, e-mail pack116pensauken@gmail.com or call (856) 313-7751.





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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,  
Department of Public Works

I cannot believe I'm writing the November 2018 article. This year has absolutely flown by. It was brought to my attention that "National Recycling Day" will occur on Nov. 15; I don't believe it gets the attention that "National Dog Day" or "National Donut Day" receives, but it's a fairly important one for the home we call "Earth."

Imagine all of the waste that has been diverted from landfills over the past 25+

## National Recycling Day And "No Leaf Left Behind"

years of recycling efforts. We hear in the news about "tons" of plastics floating in the oceans, which will hopefully become less frequent as more people "chip in" and recycle. Littering is the ugly relative of recycling, causing environmental harm and unsightly neighborhoods. As I drive through Pennsauken on a windy day, I can tell which section has trash and recycling collection. This is not always due to lack of care by neighbors, passers-by or those pesky teenagers, but sometimes simply by the breeze. It is a weekly chore of mine to check my street for wind-blown recyclables when I get home from

work on Friday. It's a task that takes about 10 minutes; to walk the dog and pick up any loose paper and bottles. It may not be my job to perform this task, but this simple act keeps my block looking good on the litter front. If each block had a resident looking after these incidentals, Pennsauken could shine even brighter.

In previous articles, I've mentioned about "contaminated" recycling debris and the crackdown on plastic bags being removed from recycling buckets. We ask that you make a concerted effort to wash out that ketchup bottle or pasta sauce jar before recycling it. The plastic bags clog up the sorting machines, which increase costs to recycle. If you're unsure, give Rachael at our office a call!

A November article would be incomplete without mentioning leaf collection. The best way to eliminate leaves, and my personal choice for leaf collection, is to bag them and have them collected each Wednesday during our regular yard

waste collection by Waste Management. This schedule lets me work whenever I have time to rake up leaves; and I know that they will disappear on Wednesday by the time I get home. It also eliminates any leaves from blowing back onto the lawn or around the street.

There are several sections of town where this is simply not possible. These are areas that produce an exorbitant amount of leaves where front end loaders filling countless dump trucks are needed. For those that chose to rake leaves to the curb, we pass through each neighborhood at least twice during the collection season, which begins after Nov. 6. We have never left a pile of leaves behind. This is primarily because we will do final "spot" checks the week before and after Christmas, stopping leaf collection on New Year's Eve. Provided we do not receive an early snow fall, this is always the plan. Residents that choose to put off raking leaves until after New Year's will be required to bag their leaves and place the bags out for

Wednesday's yard waste collection, regardless of the amount of leaves. It is at this time that we switch over the trucks to snow preparation and begin winter projects in between snow storms.

You may or may not be aware of what happens to those mountains of leaves. Pennsauken's Department of Public Works operates and maintains one of the best functioning and best looking leaf composting sites in the state. After the compost matures, it is delivered to the Municipal Pool on River Rd., where residents can supplement their gardens at home with this free, nutritious soil.

Public Works will be posting our weekend leaf collection routes on both the Pennsauken Township and All Around Pennsauken Facebook accounts. You can also call into the office to see where we're headed.

Make sure you keep an eye out for the annual Holiday Parade on the 24th and the third annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Food Truck Event on the 29th! On behalf of the staff of Pennsauken's Department of Public Works, we would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (856) 663-0178 or e-mail [publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

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THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY, NOV. 22, IS A "TRASH HOLIDAY."

Trash and recycling pickup regularly scheduled for that day moves to Friday, Nov. 23. Friday's trash and recycling pickup is moved to Saturday, Nov. 24, beginning at 6:00 a.m. Trash and recycling pickup prior to Thursday, Nov. 22, as well as yard waste and white goods collection, remains on a regular schedule for that week.

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## Holidays, Season Of Giving Begin This Month In Pennsauken

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derful way for our community to come together to ring in a very special time of year," says Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion. "We warmly invite our families and neighbors to join us along Westfield Ave.

For the second year in a row, Pennsauken natives who have moved out of the area and others unable to attend can watch streaming video of the Holiday Parade via Facebook Live on the "Pennsauken Television" page.

Community groups are encouraged to participate in the parade. No contribution is too small and will go a long way to bringing joy and hope to Pennsauken families during this festive season.

For more information, visit Pennsauken's website at [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us) or like "Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade" on Facebook. To participate in the parade, call (856) 665-1000 x151 or e-mail [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

### Tree Lighting Held On November 29

Pennsauken Township's tree lighting ceremony returns on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Township Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The evergreen tree outside of the Municipal Building will be ornately decorated for the holidays; and several food trucks will be on hand for attendees to enjoy something to eat during the event. There will be costumed characters and performances of holiday music. Santa Claus will arrive via fire engine at 6:00 p.m. to light the tree. Residents are encouraged to bring their phones and cameras, as Santa will be available for photos with children after the tree lighting. There is no rain date for this event.

"We're excited to have the tree lighting return for a third year in a row," says Killion. "Having Santa make an early visit to town via fire engine is a real treat for both the young and young at heart."

For more information, call (856) 665-1000 x151.

### Breakfast With Santa

Another annual tradition is for children to have an opportunity to join Santa Claus for breakfast, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, at the PYAA Field House at Park and Elm avenues. There will also be face painting, music, balloon sculpting and gifts. Tickets are \$6 for children and \$9 for adults. The event is sponsored in part by the Pennsauken Education Association.

"Families are treated to a great breakfast and plenty of holiday-related entertainment," says Elwood Martz, director

of Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation. "Kids also get a chance to sit on Santa's lap and share their holiday wish lists."

All tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

### Second Annual Parade Of Lights

The Township's second annual Parade of Lights will be held on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. Fire trucks, emergency service vehicles, and more will be decorated with bright lights and festive decorations as they ride along Park Ave., beginning at the Masonic Temple and running towards Browning Rd. via Chestnut Ave.

Read more about this year's Parade

of Lights on page 12 of this issue of All Around Pennsauken.

### Angel Tree Program

Once again, Pennsauken residents and businesses are preparing to pitch in to help children in the community during the holiday season through the Angel Tree program.

Last year, dozens of Pennsauken families were helped through the Angel Tree program; the initiative for 2018 hopes to support the same number of families.

"Each and every year, the Pennsauken community really steps up for the Angel Tree program," says Martz. "A lot of residents, businesses, and organizations are extremely generous with a va-

riety of donations."

Individuals can purchase a new, unwrapped toy and leave it at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Ave., from Nov. 26 through 4:00 p.m. on Monday,

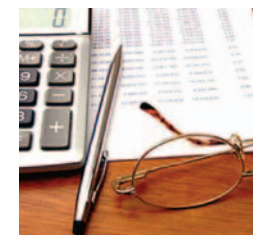
Dec. 17. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

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Last month, the Library heard from seniors and members of the Latino community. Additional focus groups will be held on the following dates:

- Teens ages 13 to 18 (parental/guardian approval required if under 18) – Thursday, Nov. 8, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- Parents/guardians of children under 13 – Thursday, Nov. 8, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Adults who home school their children – Thursday, Nov. 15, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- African American community members – Thursday, Nov. 15, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Adults ages 19 to 30 – Tuesday, Nov. 27, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Vietnamese community members – Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. To sign-up for these focus groups, visit <https://goo.gl/UYMiyM>.

## November Events

- Chair Yoga - Fridays, Nov. 2, 9, & 16; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. See page 32 for details.
- Medicare & You - Saturday, Nov. 3; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. See page 32 for details.
- Active Shooter Preparedness Program - Monday, Nov. 5; 7:00 p.m. See page 32 for details.
- International Games Day – Saturday, Nov. 10; 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. To celebrate International Games Week, the Library will host a special Games Day. Featuring Roblox, Fortnite (bring your own device), Virtual Reality (VR) Challenge, and other events suitable for the whole family.
- Library Board Meeting - Monday, Nov. 26; 6:00 p.m. The community is encouraged to attend.

### For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- Preschool Storytime - Thursdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 29; 2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, & 28; 11:15 a.m. Storytime for children ages 3 to 5.
- Parachute and Play - Fridays, Nov. 2, 16, & 30; 1:00 p.m. Join Miss Sabrina for parachute songs and games, followed by free-play with our puppet theater, DUPLO blocks, and more! Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.
- Toddler Movement - Saturdays, Nov. 3 & 17; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 2-5.

- Baby Ballet - Saturdays, Nov. 3 & 17; 11:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided dance movements. For ages 2-5.
- Tail Waggin' Tutors - Monday, Nov. 5, Wednesday, Nov. 7 & 14, and Tuesday, Nov. 13; 4:45 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 can practice their independent reading skills with a certified therapy dog! Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.
- Wee Readers - Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, & 28; 10:30 a.m. Storytime for little ones up to age 2.
- Teen Service Power Hour - Thursday, Nov. 15; 5:00 p.m. Complete service projects and earn volunteer credit! Drop in anytime between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. and choose how much you would like to do. Age 13 and up.
- Teddy Bear Picnic & Sleepover - Friday, Nov. 16; 2:00 p.m. Bring your favorite stuffie and enjoy a movie and some tasty treats together. Then, leave your friend with Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina overnight for some fun library activities! Pick up your friend the next morning (Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon) and check out the Library's Facebook page with a parent or caregiver to see more teddy library antics! For all ages.
- Tween & Teen Yoga - Saturday, Nov. 17; 2:00 p.m. Melt your stress away with a calm, gentle introduction to the basic movements and mindful breathing of yoga! Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own mat if you have one. For ages 10 and up.
- Sensory-Friendly Storytime - Sunday, Nov. 18; 1:00 p.m. This program is presented at a preschool level and is ideal for differently abled children and those on the autism spectrum, with sensory processing issues, or who feel overwhelmed by noises or crowds. Registration is required. For ages 2-9.
- LEGO Club - Sunday, Nov. 18; 2:00 p.m. For all ages.
- Pajama Storytime - Thursday, Nov. 29; 6:00 p.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for night-time storytime fun — and feel free to wear your favorite pajamas! For ages 0-8.

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Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Nov. 22 & 23 for Thanksgiving

## FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

### A Month Full Of Activities, Courtesy Of The Friends Of The Library

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Book, Tech and Bake Sale a success. Our selection of books was wonderfully diverse with something for everyone; and the sheer numbers of baked goods easily satisfied everyone's sweet tooth demands! We appreciate all your support and look forward to a bigger, even better event next year.

Those of you who already bought your raffle tickets for our November drawing are ahead of the game; if you haven't bought one yet, there's still time. Our drawing ends on Nov. 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library's lobby, when we pick the four lucky winners of our fantastic baskets, each filled with a gift card, merchandise, and a "super prize," all compliments of local merchants. You needn't be present to win, but you do have to have at least one raffle ticket entered and hopefully more to multiply your chances! See any Friends member or check with the Circulation Desk if you'd like to buy a few. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5; and if you belong to the Friends, show your membership card for

a freebie when you purchase three.

We'll be holding a reprise of one of our most popular events: chair yoga. You can plan on a great workout, either sitting or standing, on three successive Fridays this month: Nov. 2, 9, and 16, 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up at the Circulation Desk beforehand; and if you plan to do the exercises standing, be sure to bring along your mat.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, at 1:00 p.m., join our seminar, "Medicare and You." Get all your questions answered about how Medicare works, your rights and entitlements, the difference between advantage plans and supplements, etc. The seminar runs for 30 minutes to allow time for questions, so jot down what you'd like to ask. We'll meet in the Community Room and you can pre-register at the Circulation Desk or call (856) 665-5959, ext. 3. Please note that this event is for educational purposes only and no plan-specific benefits or details will be included.

Also, mark your calendars for Monday, Nov. 5, at 7:00 p.m. to attend an important and informational program in the Li-

brary's Community Room: "Active Shooter Preparedness." News reports about active shooter situations in schools, churches, and elsewhere are an all-too-common occurrence these days, and many of us no doubt wonder just how we would react in such a situation or what we could do to help ourselves and others. This program, offered by the FBI, will discuss ways to help participants make the mental and physical preparations to deal with an active shooter situation. The "run, hide, or fight" strategies presented could potentially be life-saving. Registration is required and can be done so by calling (856) 665-5959 x3.

Nov. 20 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. is our next Munch and a Movie get-together. Need I say it? You bring the munch, and we'll supply the snacks and beverages and, of course, the movie. What cinematic delight do we have in store for all the film aficionados who attend? Find out by calling the Circulation Desk.

Also, be sure to join us for our Nov. 14 Friends meeting, held in the Library's Community Room at 7:00 p.m. We'll be planning future events and would love to hear your ideas and input!



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### Congratulations To The Winners Of Pennsauken's Halloween Home Decorating Contest



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Third place: the Mauer family, 8415 Holman Ave

### McDevitt Recognized As Lions Club's Citizen Of The Year

Matt McDevitt receives a proclamation from Township Committeeperson Bill Orth during the Pennsauken Lions Club's Citizen of the Year dinner last month. McDevitt, a longtime resident, was recognized by the Lions for his many years of service in the community.



### How To Prevent Your Pets – And Yourself – From Getting Rabies

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# inSports

## Teachable Moment During Indians Loss To Camden High



Pennsauken High School Football Coach Clinton Tabb talks to Quarterback Desha Evans during the team's 36-0 loss to Camden High School. High school sports isn't truly about wins and losses; it's about coaches making positive changes in the lives of student-athletes. Every game has a teachable moment, regardless of what the scoreboard says! Photo credit: Pennsauken Athletics, Facebook.

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# PYAA SPORTS

## PYAA Cheer Presents 2018 Showcase On November 4

PYAA Cheer presents is 2018 Showcase on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Pennsauken High School Gymnasium, 800 Hylton Rd. The community is invited to come out and see what the PYAA cheerleaders have learned this season, as well as enjoy performances from other local cheer and

dance teams.

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. and the show begins at 2:30 p.m. Wristbands to enter the event are just \$5; children ages three and under are free.

For more information or wristband sales, contact Tasha at (856) 906-0368 or Shelley at (856) 536-2375.

## THE CLUB CHAMPIONS OF 2018

By Quentin T. Griffith, III  
PGA Golf Professional  
Pennsauken Country Club

With the completion of the 2018 club championship competitions here at the Pennsauken Country Club, I would like to take a moment to recognize each of our flight champions. The men's club championships were held in June, while The women's, senior and super senior club championships were contested in September. The championships conducted are in the men's "championship," "A," "B," "C," and "D" flights; as well as women's, senior (age 60 to 69), and super senior flights (age 70 and older). These events are hosted each year by the Pennsauken Country Club Golf Association (PCCGA). As these club championships bring out the competitive spirit in the many PCCGA members who choose to compete, we congratulate the following 2018 champions and runner-ups in their respective flights:

Men's Club Champion  
Quentin Griffith, IV  
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Men's Club Champion Runner-up  
Anthony Bianco  
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Men's "A" Flight Champion  
Rick Krouse  
Merchantville, N.J.

Men's "A" Flight Runner-up  
Frank Carpenter  
Mays Landing, N.J.

Men's "B" Flight Champion  
Ryan Govito  
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Men's "B" Flight Runner-up  
Harry Renwick  
Maple Shade, N.J.

Men's "C" Flight Champion  
Paul May  
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Champions and runner-ups will be honored for their achievements at The PCCGA Annual Awards Banquet that is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the Country Club. Following dinner presented by the staff at Marco's Restaurant, each flight winner will be presented with their champion's jacket, as well as their personalized plaque and runner-ups will be presented with their personalized plaque.



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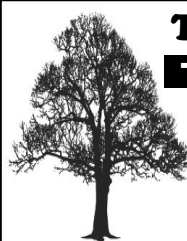
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